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JUS Regium Nobis a Deo commiſſum nulla in re lubentius exercemus quam cum debita Virtuti elargiamur præmia, Viroſq; tum ſuis, tum Majorum ſuorum meritis inſignes, omni, quo par eſt, honoris genere augeamus. Hos inter elucet Prædilectus & perquam Fidelis Conſiliarius Noſter, Simon Harcourt, Miles, Magni Sigilli Noſtri Cuſtos. *Longa illum decorat Proavorum Series, a* Normannicis *uſq; temporibus, & peramplis Fortunis, & omni Laude Bellica florentium, quorum Unus, ob rem ſtrenue ſub* Edvardi *Quarti vexillis geſtam, Periſcelide Equeſtri donatus eſt; alter, contra Perduelles* Hibernicos *pro* Carolo *Regum optimo fortiter dimicans,* Anglorum *primus occubuit: Nec in ea Gente quiſquam repertus eſt, cujus non eſſet ſpectata ſemper erga Patriam Charitas, erga Principem Fides. His ille ortus Majoribus, Rei quidem Familiaris hæreditatem Furore Civili imminutam, Gloriæ integram accepit: Quam virtute Militari partam, Ingenii ſui, & Eloquentiæ vi auxit Togatus.*

Ita

THERE is nothing wherein we more willingly exerciſe that Royal Authority, which is entruſted to us from Above, than by rewarding True Merit and Virtue, and advancing to all ſuitable Dignity Men who have deſerved well of Us, and whoſe Anceſtors have been remarkably Famous in their Generation. Among theſe, none is more Conſpicuous than our Well-beloved, and very Faithful, Councellor, **Simon Harcourt**, Knight, Keeper of our Great-Seal; a Gentleman who comes recommended to us by a long Deſcent of Progenitors, of very Ample Fortunes, and Renown'd for their Warlike Actions ever ſince the *Norman* Times: One of whom, for his Bravery, ſignaliz'd under the Standard of **Edward** the Fourth, was made Knight of the Garter; another, fighting Courageouſly againſt the *Iriſh* Rebels, in the Cauſe of his Royal Maſter, King **Charles**, the Beſt of Princes, was the firſt *Engliſhman* who fell a Sacrifice to their Fury. Nor is there One of all that Race who has not been Eminent for his Love to his Country, and Loyalty to his Prince. Deſcended from ſuch Noble Anceſtors, he ſuffer'd indeed in his Paternal Inheritance, which was diminiſh'd by the Fury of the Civil Wars, but not in his Glory, which being acquir'd by Military Valour, He, as a Lawyer, has advanc'd by the Force of His Wit and Eloquence;

Ita enim variam illi multiplicemq; esse dicendi facultatem intelleximus, ut, an tractandis pro Tribunali causis, an habendis ad Senatum Concionibus aptior *accederet, dubitent multi, uno ore omnes Fateantur, Eum & Jurisconsultorum Disertissimum esse, & Disertorum Jurisconsultissimum. Suæ huic Oratoriæ Laudi domesticas adjunxit virtutes, Magnanimitatem & Fidem: Quarum robore suffultus, in tuendo quod susceperat Officio, contemnendisq; periculis, constanter perseveravit; & Amicitiæ Jura, sive in rebus secundis, sive in adversis, sancte coluit. Quem itaq; tantis animi dotibus instructum, sibi* Clientium *nemo non exoptavit Patronum, Eum nos Negotiis nostris, Forum quæ spectant, haud temere admovimus Procuratorem; Eum ad Attornati Nostri Munus, quod cum dignitate, quoad licuit, semel sustinuerat, altera vice accersivimus: Eum tandem, cum magno Illius Ingenio minora esse hæc omnia sentiremus, in ipso Forensium Honorum apice collocavimus, æqui bcniq, Cognitorem & Interpretem Summum.* Pergit *de Nobis, ac de bonis omnibus præclarius adhuc mereri; & hanc ipsam Provinciam, cæteris, quas gessit, quanto splendidior est, tanto impensius ornare: Litium multitudinem indies minuit, Judiciorum moras reserat, & ut petitorum cuiq; constet quam minimo honestæ contentionis felix exitus, egregie cavet. Quæ quidem cum Nobis summopere sint grata, ipsa honorifica, Reiq; Publicæ salutaria. Præmiis uberioribus remuneranda censemus. Ne itaq; in amplissimorum Judicum Consessu suffragii expers sit Justitiæ Vindex integerrimus, ne in Eloquentium Concilio sit elinguis sentiendi dicendiq; Author gravissimus, Procerum Ordini con-*

for we have been inform'd that his Faculty of Speaking is so full of Variety, that whether he is fitter to manage Cauſes in the *Lower Courts*, or to ſpeak before a full Parliament, is doubted by many; but it is unanimouſly confeſs'd by all, that among the *Lawyers* he is the moſt Eloquent *Orator*, and among the *Orators* the moſt Able *Lawyer*. To this Praiſe of his Eloquence he has join'd thoſe Domeſtick Virtues, Magnanimity and Fidelity; ſupported by which, he has reſolutely perſever'd in maintaining the Cauſe which he had undertaken, and in deſpiſing Danger; and has kept the Rights of Friendſhip, whether in Proſperity or Adverſity, Sacred and Inviolable. Whom therefore, furniſh'd with ſuch great Endowments of Mind, all Clients have wiſh'd to defend their Cauſe, not without Reaſon we preferr'd to be one of our Council at Law; whom we, a ſecond Time, call'd to be our Attorney-General, which Office he had once before ſuſtain'd with Honour, as far as it was thought convenient: Whom laſtly, ſince we perceiv'd that all theſe Things were Inferior to the largeneſs of his Capacity, we have advanc'd to the higheſt Pitch of *Forenſical* Dignity, and made him Supreme Judge in our Court of Equity. He continues ſtill to deſerve higher of us, and of all Good Men, and is ſo much a Brighter Ornament to this Province, as it is more Honourable than the reſt he has gone through; He Daily diſpatches the Multitude of Suits in Chancery; He removes the Obſtacles which delay Judgment in that Court; and takes ſpecial Care that the ſucceſsful Iſſue of an Honeſt Cauſe ſhould coſt every Plaintiff as little as may be. Which Things as they are very Grateful to us, Honourable to himſelf, and Beneficial to the Commonwealth, we think them deſerving of Higher Rewards. Therefore, that the moſt Upright Aſſerter of Juſtice may not be without a Vote in the moſt Supreme Court; that He who can Think and Speak ſo excellently well ſhould not be Silent in an Aſſembly of the Eloquent; we grant him a Place among the Peers, and that he may add ſome Splendor to that Order, from which, both he, and his Poſterity, will

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continuo adscribatur Eidemq; splendoris, non nihil afferat, a quo multum & ipse, & ipsius Posteri haurient. Quæ autem Harcourtiano *Nomine ac Patrimonio Sexcentos jam annos amplius inclarescit sedes, eadem Titulo etiam, quem nunc impertimus, honestetur, in omne Ævum (si annuerit Deus) duraturo.*

Sciatis, *&c.*

derive so much. And that the same Seat which is known at this Time, and has been for above these Six Hundred Years, by the Name and Patrimony of **Harcourt**, be honour'd with that Title, which we now confer, and will continue (if God permit) from Generation to Generation.

Now know ye, &c.

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